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REPLY TO REQUEST FOR COMMENTS

ONE-WAY BULLETINS

HISTORY OF ONE-WAY BULLETIN ABUSE

After years of not being able to get the FCC or the ARRL to come to the aid of this same group of amateurs we simply gave up on getting any help at all in the matter. We have been told that because Part 97 allows the bulletin transmissions and this created the loop hole that allowed this type of abuse. So we simply did

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our best to have our nets finished and out of his way before he started.

Recently he has tripled his transmission times. He has begun to threaten with felony affidavit complaint forms. In the passed couple of years the problem has grown to serious proportions. The expansion of the broadcast programming and the threats by the bulletin transmission stations have begun to take it's toll on everyone. Such things as (1) endless loop tape playing for over 48 hour periods. (2) The mailing of felony affidavit complaint forms and the encouraging of others to do the same. (3) The involvement of the US Attorney's office in Maine. Still the bulletin stations continue to transmit and propel its' own self interests to an ever increasing level.

So we began to write letters soliciting help. One such person that has come to our aid is Fred Maia. I personally believe Mr. Maia's motives are pure. Sooner or later something has got to be done. The problem has only gotten much worse in the last 7 to 8 years and surely will continue to do the same if left unchecked.

ALL AMATEUR OPERATORS SHOULD BE ACCOUNTABLE TO THE SAME RULES.

Bulletin station operators often acquire "a right of imminent domain attitude", which causes much friction on amateur radio. The idea, because a schedule is published we require all amateur radio operators to give way to the bulletin is unworkable. Where should the schedule be published? When should it be published? How far in advance should a schedule be published before the bulletin transmitting station has the right to commandeer the frequency?

THERE ARE NO REGULATIONS AFFECTING ONE-WAY BULLETIN STATIONS

Bulletin transmitting stations can often play tapes of passed conversations and interviews over and over without any checks and balances required. One such station K1MAN GLENN BAXTER after becoming angry played a nonstop endless loop tape over and over for over 48 hours. The same station will play over 100 hours of taped material every week simulcast on 2 different bands. Because of the way part 97 is open concerning one-way broadcasting the act of imposing restrictions against such stations is very difficult.

AMATEUR RADIO IS A VALUABLE RESOURCE.

The organization of nets and it's occupants are the ones executing the volunteer work of passing health and welfare traffic in times of emergency. Very seldom do DXers and Packeteers get involved in this type of service. It is almost entirely the HF traffic handlers that climb into there automobiles and do damage assessment for the Red Cross and severe weather spotting for Noaa. These are the very nets being trampled under by the bulletin stations.

THE RESPONDENT

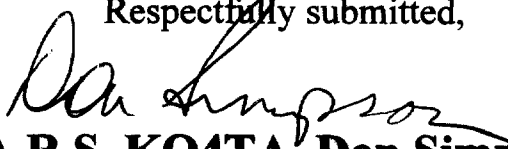
I am a licensed Amateur Radio Operator with no commercial interest in amateur radio. I have been sent through the US Mail, very official looking felony affidavits, threatening me with criminal prosecution for using the frequency even though I clearly occupied the frequency long before the bulletin station engaged in its transmission.

CONCLUSION

Only after contacting the office of the senior watch officer for the FCC did I begin to ignore the behavior exhibited by the bulletin station. I have total respect for the FCC. I will abide and honor whatever decision is reached by the Commission. I can only pray that wisdom by the commission will prevail. I believe that the ramped unchecked behavior of one-way broadcast stations will bring much more harm than good to the service of Amateur Radio.

If the commission cannot limit one-way broadcasting entirely on HF please at least limit bulletins to digital transmissions. The egos cannot be nourished in that way.

Respectfully submitted,


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